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In re application of

Takuo HIBI et al.

Appln. No. 09/249,100

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**PETITION TO RESTART THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE
DUE TO LATE RECEIPT OF AN OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants' representatives recently received an Office Action for the above-identified application. The Office Action is dated October 24, 2001. In view of the substantial portion of the set period for reply having elapsed prior to the date of receipt, Applicants hereby petition to have the previously set time period for reply to the Office Action restarted. Applicants submit the following information in support of the petition.

Applicants are filing the instant petition within two (2) weeks of the actual date of receipt of the Office Action. A substantial portion of the set period for reply has elapsed prior to the date of receipt of the Office Action. The PTO mail date of the Office Action was October 24, 2001. However, the actual date of receipt of the Office Action was January 17, 2002. Enclosed

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Applicants believe that the Office Action may have been subjected to delay by the U.S. Postal Service as a result of recent extra precautions being taken by the U.S. Postal Service to screen mail passing through the postal facilities of Washington D.C.

As provided for in MPEP §710.06, and in view of the above, Applicants respectfully petition to have the previously set time period for reply to the Office Action dated October 24, 2002, restarted to commence with the mailing of a substitute Office Action.

It is not believed that any fees are due for the instant Petition. However, should it be determined that fees are required, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is also appended hereto.

Respectfully submitted,



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